

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12480 (JTD)

(Jointly Administered)

Ref. Docket Nos. 14, 132 & 177

**CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING *PROPOSED* FINAL ORDER
(I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO ASSUME THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT,
(II) APPROVING PROCEDURES FOR STORE CLOSING SALES, AND
(III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

On November 4, 2024, the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed the *Debtors’ Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Assume the Consulting Agreement, (II) Approving Procedures for Store Closing Sales, and (III) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 14] (the “Motion”).

On November 6, 2024, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy’s Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy’s Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968), Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260); Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123); Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies “Plus”, LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors’ headquarters is located at 109 Innovation Court, Suite J, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

(the “Court”) entered an order approving the Motion on an interim basis [Docket No. 132] (the “Interim Order”). Pursuant to the Interim Order, any objections or responses to entry of the Proposed Final Order (as defined below) were to be filed and served by November 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. (ET), as may have been extended for certain parties.

On November 15, 2024, the Debtors filed the *Notice of Filing of Proposed Final Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Assume the Consulting Agreement, (II) Approving Procedures for Store Closing Sales, and (III) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 177] (the “Proposed Final Order”).

The Debtors received (A) informal comments to the Proposed Final Order from (i) the Ad Hoc Group of First Lien Lenders; (ii) the Texas Taxing Authorities; (iii) the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors; and (iv) the Chubb Companies; and (B) a formal objection to the Proposed Final Order from Daniel P. Hagaman [Docket No. 199] (collectively, the “Respondents”). To resolve the Respondents’ comments, the Debtors have agreed to revise the Proposed Final Order, as reflected in the revised Proposed Final Order attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “Revised Proposed Final Order”). For the convenience of the Court and other interested parties, a blackline comparing the Revised Proposed Final Order against the Proposed Final Order is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors did not receive any objections or responses other than those described herein, and the Respondents do not object to entry of the Revised Proposed Final Order, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Revised Proposed Final Order without further notice or a hearing at the Court’s earliest convenience.

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